(i) Conducting energy audit by State Electricity Boards (SEB)/ Electricity Departments (ED) to identify system elements responsible for excessive losses;

(ii) Formulation of system improvement schemes for strengthening T&D system both in rural and urban areas;

(iii) Installation of capacitors, introduction of energy audit in the power systems of SEBs/EDs;

(iv) Theft of energy has been made a cognizable offence; and

(v) Introduction of an incentive scheme for reducing T&D losses.

S.T.D. and Direct Dialling Facilities in Telephone Exchanges of Trivandrum

*355. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the telephone exchanges in Trivandrum without S.T. D. facility; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to provide S.T.D. facility in those exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) None Sir. All the 5 exchanges in Trivandrum i.e. Trivandrum X-Bar, Trivandrum-Kaithamukku, Trivandrum Medical College, Trivandrum-Ambalamukku RLU & Karyavattom RLU are having the S.T.D. facility.

(b) Question does not arise.

Kota Thermal Power Station in Rajasthan

*356. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the generation of power at the Kota Thermal Power Station in Rajasthan is less than its capacity;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the performance of the plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON- CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The generation capacity of Kota Thermal Power Station in Rajasthan is 640 MW. During the period April-November, 1991, against the programme of generation of 1620 million units of energy, at 43.2% Plant Load Factor (PLF), the actual generation was 2223 million units at 59.3% PLF.

(c) Various measures being taken to further improve the performance of Kota Thermal Power Station include renovation and modernisation of old units, assistance to the Rajasthan Electricity Board in undertaking plant betterment programmes, supply of requisite quantity and quality of coal, training of operation and maintenance personnel and strengthening of Transmission and Distribution Systems.

[*Translation*]

Power Generation Capacity

*357. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minster of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the capacity for generation of power in the country has gone down during the year 1990-91 as compared to 1989-90;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to meet the demand for power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The installed generating capacity in the country on 31st March, 1990 and 31st March, 1991 was 63290 MW and 66066 MW respectively. The energy generation during 1990-91 was 264.2 BU against the energy generation of 245.1 BU during 1989-90 which represents an increase of 7.8%.

(c) Various measures being taken t improve the availability of power includ expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction of Transmission and Distribution losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

[English]

Shortcomings in Field Units

*358. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:

DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious shortcomings had been noticed in April, 1991 in the working of the field units under the charge of the Chief General Managers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any feed-back was received from the field units; and

(d) if so, improvements, if any, made in the working of the various units?

THE MINSTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. No serious shortcomings had been detected in the working of field units.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. Monthly report under Mission 'Better Communications" indicating various service performance parameters and important events are being received.

(d) There is comparative improvement in various service performances, parameters as given in the attached statement.